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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - PROPOSED TRIP TO DISCUSS USER CHARGES
AND JET FUEL QUESTIONS

1. WASHINGTON AGENCIES ARE CONCERNED AT TENDENCY FOR
AVIATION USER CHARGES AND JET FUEL PRICES TO ESCALATE

RAPIDLY IN LATIN AMERICA WITHOUT ADEQUATE JUSTIFICATION, OFTEN IN COMBINATION WITH DISCRIMINATION IN FAVOR OF THE NATIONAL CARRIER. DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND TRANSPORTATION THEREFORE PROPOSE SEND TWO OR THREE-MAN DELEGATION TO SEVERAL COUNTRIES WHERE PROBLEM SEEMS PARTICULARLY ACUTE TO REVIEW PERTINENT PROBLEMS WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS AND DISCUSS THEM WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. PURPOSE WOULD BE TO GET A BETTER FEEL FOR THE SITUATION IN LATIN AMERICA, EXPLAIN THE U.S. POSITION ON THESE QUESTIONS, AND IMPRESS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITH THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE VIEW THEM. IN COUNTRIES WHERE SPECIFIC COMPLAINTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN RAISED WITH HOST GOVERNMENT, VISIT WOULD HOPEFULLY PROVIDE OCCASION FOR FORWARD PROGRESS.

2. VENEZUELA, COLOMBIA, CHILE AND ARGENTINA HAVE BEEN TENTATIVELY SELECTED AS A MINIMUM ITINERARY. PERU COULD BE ADDED IF TIME PERMITS AND VISIT APPEARS USEFUL. PROPOSED AGENDA:

A. VENEZUELA: USER CHARGES, PARTICULARLY NAVIGATION FEES.

B. COLOMBIA: USER CHARGES, INCLUDING BOTH NAVIGATION AND LANDING FEES, DISCRIMINATORY FUEL PRICING, FUEL TAXES, HIGH FUEL PRICES.

C. ARGENTINA: RECENT SHARP INCREASES IN A NUMBER OF USER CHARGES, MONOPOLY GROUND HANDLING, HIGH FUEL PRICES, FUEL TAX. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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D. CHILE: FUEL PRICE DISCRIMINATION, HIGH FUEL PRICE, AIRPORT RENTALS, LANDING FEES, POSSIBILITY OF REIMPOSITION OF DEPARTURE TAX ON BRANIFF EMPLOYEES.

E. PERU: FUEL PRICE DISCRIMINATION, HIGH FUEL PRICES, LANDING FEES, OVERFLIGHT FEES, DOMESTIC FARE DISCRIMINATION IN FAVOR OF AEROPERU.

3. TRIP IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR TWO WEEKS BEGINNING FEB 14. WHILE COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION NOT YET FINALLY DETERMINED, NO MEMBER IS LIKELY TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT COMMAND OF SPANISH OR PORTUGUESE, AND INTERPRETATION WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR CONVERSATIONS IN THOSE LANGUAGES.

4. FOR ACTION ADDRESSEES: REQUEST POST CONCURRENCE BY JAN 26. ASSUMING CONCURRENCE FORTHCOMING, DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE POSTS' COMMENTS, PARTICULARLY ON:

A. ANY DATES WITHIN PROJECTED TIMEFRAME THAT ARE
ESPECIALLY FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE.

B. LENGTH OF TIME REQUIRED TO ACCOMPLISH MISSION'S
PURPOSE AT YOUR POST. (LENGTHY DISCUSSION IN ATTEMPT
TO REACH AGREEMENT IS NOT ANTICIPATED.)

C. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE ADDED OR REMOVED. (ANY ITEMS
RELATED TO FAIR COMPETITIVE PRACTICES ACT, I.E., "UNFAIR
OR DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES" AND "UNREASONABLY EXCESSIVE
OR OTHERWISE DISCRIMINATORY" USER CHARGES, WOULD BE
APPROPRIATE.)

5. FOR INFO EMBASSIES: WHILE IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT
YOUR COUNTRY WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE PRESENT TRIP'S
ITINERARY, IT APPEARS THAT THERE ARE PROBLEMS THERE
WHICH FALL WITHIN THE TRIP'S PARAMETERS. ANY COMMENT
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YOU MAY HAVE ON THE POTENTIAL USEFULNESS OF A DELEGATION
VISIT, EITHER NOW OR LATER, WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

6. U.S. TEAM WOULD BE PREPARED PURSUE ONLY USER CHARGE
FUEL PRICE TAX AND OTHER QUESTIONS OF DISCRIMINATION OR
OPERATING ENVIRONMENT. IT WOULD NOT BE ABLE DISCUSS
OTHER CIVIL AIR QUESTIONS, SUCH AS AIRLINE ROUTE RIGHTS,
CAPACITY, ETC. THIS PARTICULARLY RELEVANT IN CASE OF
ARGENTINA.
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